

REMARKS

Applicant has added new claims 5 and 6. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to these new claims 5 and 6 are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Fukunaga, stating that Fukunaga discloses a socket comprising a socket body 1, a plurality of contact pins 13 disposed on the socket body 1, a rest face, a pair of resilient pieces 13e 13d, two slide 12 sliding in different directions by applying a pressing force, and an upper operating member 7 applying and releasing the pressing force thereby increasing and decreasing the resilient deformation of the resilient pieces 13e, 13d.

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Fukunaga and respectfully submits that reference numeral 12 is not a slide plate. In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that reference numeral 12 is a slide support member (see col. 4, lines 55 and 56). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that in Fukunaga shafts 11 slide on the slide supporting members 12 and when the cover 7 is pushed downwardly, the shafts 11 slide on the slide supports 12 to move outwardly and the bars 9 go further under the projecting portions 37 disposed at the four corners of the plate 3 to thus raise the plate 3 and open the contact pins. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the structure claimed in Applicant's claims 1-4 is not shown or disclosed in Fukunaga. Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that the structure as claimed by the new claims 5 and 6 is also not shown or suggested by Fukunaga.

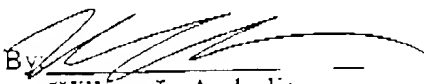
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element of Applicant's claims 1-6 is not shown in Fukunaga. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 are not anticipated by Fukunaga.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11 1445.

Respectfully submitted,

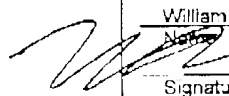
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